केन्द्रीय सरकार ने देवदासी निषेध तथा पुनर्वास के बेहतर कार्यान्वयन हेतु इन राज्यों से कानूनों की समीक्षा करने/नियम बनाने का अनुरोध किया है। तथापि, उड़ीसा ने इस प्रथा के उन्मूलन के लिए कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की है।

Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on Sugarcane

1991. SHRI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched or propose to launch a Centrally-sponsored scheme on sugarcane in the State of Maharashtra for the benefit of farmers of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether quality seeds of sugarcane are being made available to the farmers under the scheme in the State; if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether training programmes of farmers on newly developed production technology are being held regularly in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "The Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System" has been launched from 1995-96 in various State including Maharashtra.

The Various components of the scheme are field demonstrations, training of farmers/extension workers, seed production, establishement of tissue culture laboratories, biopesticide units, heat-treatment plants and supply of farm implements including drip irrigation etc.

(c) to (e) Assistance is provided under the scheme for the production of quality seeds and training of farmers and extension workers. The sanction of State Government has been issued recently and the implementation of above mentioned components has been initiated.

Payment of Compensation to Bhopal Gas Victims

1992. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of the Supreme Court's final clearance for payment of comapensation to Bhopal gas victims, a large number of the effected persons still remain without payment;

(b) if so, the break-up of claimants injury-wise and age-wise and percentage of the claims settled; and

(c) what further steps are under consideration to speed up the payment of compensation to the victims of Bhopal gas tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) The disbursement of compensation to the victims commenced after the compensation amount was transferred by the Supreme Court of India to the Welfare Commissioner in October, 1992. Setting up of claim courts and the adjudication of the claims and disbursement of compensation to the victims started thereafter. Out of about 6 lakh claims filed by the victims, a total number of 2.55 lakhs claims including 2.40 lakh injury cases have been decided till 7.11.1995.

(b) About 42% of the injury claims have been disposed off till 7.11.1995.

(c) To speed up the payment of compensation, Lok Adalats have been set up in addition to the 44 claims Courts already functioning, cases of all the members of a family are taken up at a time even if notice is served on one of the member of the family, co-operation of the newspapers is obtained for